



Outline - Sunday, December 22, 2013

Sermon Title: Unto US a Child is Born...A Son Given

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

1. The gospel is for the afflicted: vs 1

- a. The Jew and Gentiles humbled by providence
- b. Christ's initial ministry
- c. His disciples anticipated
- d. God dwells with the humble

Mt 4:12-17, 23 ; Acts 2:7; Isa 57:15-19

2. The light shining in the darkness: vs 2

- a. Eternal light
- b. Light of creation
- c. Light of truth
- d. Light of salvation—His revelatory work

"I am come a light into the world" - John 12:46a

1 John 1:5; John 1:9-10; 2 Cor 4:6

3. The Joy of Salvation: vs 3 (3 illustrations)

- a. Harvest "reap/sow/promise" (Faith) – Luke 1:68, 74-75
- b. Triumph in the battle of sin/law/works – (1 Cor 15:57/2 Cor:2-14)
- c. Liberation from the oppressor—Gideon's glory/works through the humble

4. The Gift of God the Father: vs 6

John 3:16, 1:14; Phil 2:8-9

- a. The incarnation—Isa 7:14/Mt 1:22-23
- b. The gift of His son—John 3:16
- c. His governance
- d. The attributions He deserves:

He is AMAZING/TRUTH/DIVINE/FAITHFUL/PEACE

5. The aim, impact, increase of His government: 6b/7a

- a. His mediatorial responsibility for His elect: Ps 2:6-9, 12
- b. The spiritual work of peace in the soul: Eph 2:14-18
- c. The eternal nature of this government: Dan 2:44/7:14